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SUBJECT: NEW STATE COMMISSIONERS

1. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, TWO STATE GOVERNORS WILL DISSOLVE THEIR EXECUTIVE COUNCILS BY END OF YEAR. WESTERN STATE GOVERNOR ROTIMI DECLARED THAT CONTRACT FOR WESTERN STATE CABINET MEMBERS WOULD RUN OUT OCTOBER 19TH, WHILE SOUT-EASTERN STATE GOVERNOR ESUENE STATED THAT HIS COMMISSIONERS WILL QUIT THEIR POSTS BY DECEMBER 31ST.

2. COMMENT: ACTIONS IN THESE TWO STATES APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPT TO EMULATE GOWON'S DECISION TO RELIEVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS, AND MIGHT ALSO BE INTENDED TO GIVE NEW GOVERNORS FREE HAND IN CHOOSING OWN MINISTRY HEADS. WHILE OTHER GOVERNORS MAY FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF WESTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATE COLLEAGUES, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SWEEPING FEDERAL POLICY DECISION ON THIS QUESTION -- AND, IN FACT, ONE NORTHERN GOVERNOR RECENTLY SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO ALTER HIS CABINET.
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